

Local Outbreak Engagement Board Paper

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2. Executive summary

A key element of successful outbreak management is access to timely and accurate intelligence to inform health protection action. Section 8 (Data Integration) of the Surrey Local Outbreak Control Plan describes existing intelligence resources and plans to develop further resources to support other elements of the plan.

We have already achieved the following:

- Established a regular dataflow from Public Health England (PHE), governed by a signed data-sharing agreement;
- Developed Beta test and trace dashboards for the outbreak control team to review and trained staff on their use;
- Set up systems and processes for the daily review of surveillance so that the outbreak control team can take health protection action when the surveillance and other sources of intelligence indicates this is needed.

The collaboration of the several SCC teams (including the Outbreak Control team, the Public Health Intelligence and Insight Team, the Data Analytics Centre of Excellence, Corporate Information Governance and members of the S&E Strategy and Engagement team in IT&D) has enabled this rapid progress.

The Association of Directors of Public Health has highlighted the challenges of managing the surveillance elements of local outbreak control plans given the on-going issues with data provided by the test and trace national programme. Some elements of data provision have improved in the last couple of weeks but the quality and consistency of data continues to be an issue. See https://mcusercontent.com/72ee72bff2c348f784e9679c8/files/a720aaca-a668-40a7-afa2-2aa269a15345/Weekly_Member_Briefing_COVID_19_19th_June_.pdf for further details.

We are currently developing the detailed action plan and governance to oversee the ongoing development of the Data Integration elements of the outbreak plan. Priority actions are identified in the next steps below.

3. Recommendations

The key recommendation to the Board is to note the rapid progress made to date and provide any comments this workstream to Public Health.

4. Next steps

In addition to finalising the detailed action plan and governance for the element of this part of the outbreak control plan, the priority actions in this area:

- further development of the surveillance dashboards to incorporate additional functionality and information;
- agreement with PHE and partners in the PHE Surrey and Sussex Health Protection Team area on common triggers which lead to further health protection action; and
- completion of the risk assessment of data/intelligence sharing required by PHE to enable SCC to share relevant intelligence with the outbreak control governance groups (HPOG and LOEB) and local partners.